

Beaverton Police

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On 8-23-04 at 1:29 pm, the Beaverton Police Department received a report of a white male who had walked into the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue administration building (14480 SW Jenkins) armed with a rifle and wearing camouflage.

The Beaverton Police Department took into custody Eric Thomas Bittick (12-21-85) at the administration office without incident. Prior to walking into the administration office, Bittick had fired two rounds from a .22 magnum rifle in the area of SW Murray & Jenkins with the purpose of having officers respond.

Bittick stated upon the arrival of officers, he was going to shoot into their vehicles and then approach them with the rifle pointed at them in an effort to commit suicide. Prior to the arrival of officers, Bittick reconsidered his actions and unloaded the rifle and entered the TVF&R admin. building where he turned over the weapon to an assistant fire marshal.

Bittick will be charged with Reckless Endangering and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.